I hope everyone had a happy and successful 2005.

I’m happy to say that the Faculty Women’s Club had a very good 2005. With the help of several members, the club had some very good press and our treasury received a windfall.

Carol Roeth, chair of the Newcomers’ group, hosted monthly get-togethers for new and not-so-new members. She had afternoon and evening welcome coffees, a tour of the International Quilt Study Center on East Campus, and a fun Holiday party at the home of Sheryl Hudgins.

The Tour Committee escorted members and guests to Omaha to see Picasso prints and paintings at the Joslyn Art Museum in October. The Joslyn is always a treat to visit and this was no exception.

In November, Linda O’Neill and her program committee hosted a fabulous Fall Brunch with US Poet Laureate and Pulitzer Prize winner, Ted Kooser. A record number of people attended the brunch at the Nebraska Club. Ted was a delight and many of us look forward to receiving annual Valentine poems from him. It was the highlight event of the fall schedule.

The quilting interest group, The Piecemakers, submitted two proposals to the YWCA’s Star Art Project. Both proposals were accepted and sponsored. One project was sponsored by us (the Faculty Women’s Club) and the other by Schwarz Paper Company. The projects are magnificent quilts, designed and made by the talented
hands of Gay Gallup and the Piecemakers. Everybody is a winner with this project, because the Piecemakers are donating the artist’s awards to the club, adding a total of more than $2000 to the treasury. I encourage you to take time to look at the Star Art displays around Lincoln to see the quilts and the other Star Art projects. The quilts will be auctioned off in April and the artist’s one-third of the winning bids will also be coming back to the FWC treasury. I can’t thank Gay and the Piecemakers enough for their generosity and hard work.

It will be hard to top the fall semester, but there are more exciting events coming in the spring. Look at articles in the newsletter for details, but get ready for lunch and a tour of the Governor’s Mansion in February and lunch at Art Chicks in Louisville in March. Then to cap off the year in April, the Spring Luncheon will be a celebration of cultural heritages from around the world.

Cathy Sellmyer worked with the university information technology support group to put together a Faculty Women’s Club web page. Check out url: http://www.unl.edu/fwc/ or go to the UNL home page, click on Faculty/Staff, and then on Faculty Women’s Club (under Organizations and Committees). It’s not only exciting to have a web page with our calendar and interest group information, the web page is going to replace the newsletter starting next year. I encourage you to look at the web page and get in the habit of looking at it for club events and news.

Maria Eisenhauer has compiled e-mail addresses this year and they will be used for a club member listserv. The listserv will let us send one e-mail message that will go to all members. It will complement the web page with e-mail messages for reminders and up-to-the-minute announcements.

It has been a fun year for me and I am looking forward to the spring semester for more fun and rewarding fellowship.

Best Regards,
Chris Zygielbaum
Tour and Lunch at the Governor’s Mansion
February 8, 2006, 11:30 AM

No matter what your politics are, we think you will vote “yes” for a lunch and tour of the Governor’s Mansion, 1425 H Street (parking on the street) at 11:30 AM on Wednesday, February 8th.

We’ll chase away the February blahs with a soup, salad and dessert lunch and then walk off extra calories on the tour. The deadline is very soon, so send in your reservation today!

Lunch at Art Chicks
March 8, 2006, 11:30 AM

According to the mission statement of Art Chicks Gallery, it’s a club house of sorts for grown-up ladies. A place for women to have some food, fun and shopping. In other words, a place to unleash your inner Diva! Come on, this is going to be fun, and we promise that what happens at Art Chicks stays at Art Chicks! The $16 price includes beverage, entrée and dessert (tax and gratuity included) and all the hats, minks and feather boas you need for your divine entrance! Sign up today, space is limited.

Directions: Take I-80 east to Exit 432—toward US-6/Gretna/Louisville. Turn right onto NE-31 S. Turn right onto NE-50. Turn left onto Main and follow Main Street to 127 Main Street, Louisville, NE. Approximate distance is 40 miles.
Soup/Chili Cook-off with Couples Gourmet
Holly and Don Beermann hosted a lively competition for the wonderful cooks of Couples Gourmet. The soups were delicious and the judging was difficult on that cold, wintry night just before Christmas. Deanna and Rich Sincovec came away with First Place with their entry, Sausage-Tortellini Soup.

From the Kitchen of Deanna and Rich Sincovec

SAUSAGE-TORTELLINI SOUP

**Ingredients**
- 1 lb Jimmy Dean Hot Sausage
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 garlic clove, pressed
- 3 (14½-ounce) cans beef broth
- 2 (14½-ounce) cans diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 (8-ounce) can tomato sauce
- 1 cup dry red wine
- 2 carrots, thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
- 2 stalks of celery, chopped

**Directions**
Discard sausage casings. Cook sausage, onion, and garlic in a Dutch oven over medium-high heat, stirring until sausage crumbles and is no longer pink; drain. Return mixture to pan. Stir in broth and next 7 ingredients; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer 30 minutes. Skim off fat. Stir in tortellini; simmer 10 minutes. Sprinkle each serving with cheese.

Yield: 10 cups

Adapted from Southern Living, January 1999

Daytime Arts and Crafts
Participates in Tracy’s Angels

Arts and Crafts has been involved in a number of fun projects this year, but one very worthwhile project was the making of pink-beaded bracelets to help raise funds for the medical expenses of Tracy DuPont, a young mother of three who was diagnosed with breast cancer two years ago. Over 20 bracelets were made and sold for $20.00 each.

Carol Riefler holding the “Wooden Tail Turkey,” Arts and Crafts November project
We’re all winners when Piecemakers get together!

Don’t forget to see these beautiful quilts on display with the YWCA’s Star Art Project.

Daytime Culinary Arts hosts Lynne Ireland

Tapas was the theme and Lynne Ireland was the guest when Culinary Arts met for their November meeting at Carrie Varner’s home. Some tapa delights included in the menu were Salad of Melon, Chorizo and Artichokes; Citrus Marinated Olives; Sherry Garlic Beef, Sherry Garlic Mushrooms; Sangria; and Fingerling Potatoes with Peppers and Chorizo. This group just gets better and better!

“...When we visited this merry band, it was clear that they came together for more than just the food”

Lynne Ireland
Lincoln Journal Star

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you
FWC Board hosts luncheon for Interest Groups Chairs

Twenty-five women gave of their time and energy this past year to keep 19 different Interest Groups running smoothly. Each year over 300 FWC members, their spouses, and community members benefit from taking part in the interest groups offered by FWC. This annual luncheon is a small attempt to thank the interest group chairs for their continued efforts.
Celebrating Heritages from Around the World
the Faculty Woman’s Club Spring Luncheon, will be
held April 12, 2006 from 11:30 AM until 2:30 PM in
the Regency Room of the City Campus Union.
Attendees will enjoy a menu of Santa Fe Fiesta Salad, a roll,
Strawberry Shortcake and a beverage. The Committee is
happy to report that the cost will remain the same as last
year, $16.50 for reservations made prior to March 1 and
$18.00 for reservations made between March 1-31.
March 31 is the deadline for all reservations.

Come enjoy a wonderful cultural
experience as we travel around the world
with the help of ethnic costumes and a
special presentation on fashion design by
Luiza Adamyan.

Mark your calendars now
and don’t miss one of the
most popular functions of
the year!
Volunteers Needed for ASUN Elections

ASUN (Association of Students of the University of Nebraska) elections will be held on **Wednesday, March 1st**. Seventy volunteers are needed. Please mark your calendar and plan to help out at one of our polling locations. This is a fun way to spend three or four hours; it is also one of the Club’s fundraising activities.

The following locations and times need to be filled: City Campus Union, East Campus Union, Recreation Center, (three 4-hour shifts between 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM) Neihardt; Harper, Schram, Smith; and Sandoz dormitories (one shift 3:00 - 7:00 PM) and Selleck and West Stadium (one shift 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM).

Please give Marti Paquette a call at 472-4250 if you are able to assist.

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Newcomers Events

Newcomers gathered at the home of Sheryl Hudgins in December to celebrate “A Morning at Christmas.” Laughter, smiles, and warm wishes surrounded the morning of tasting treats prepared by members, exchanging gifts, and sharing in the spirit of the season with tales of Christmas past.

The evening of January 30th will warm our hearts when as couples we will join together for dinner at Spaghetti Works (5:30 PM) and then attend the UNL School of Music’s performance, “Celebration of American Song: George Gershwin” at Kimball Recital Hall (7:30 PM).

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Mail your Luncheon Registration Early and Save Money!

Please return this form along with your check for $16.50 (prior to March 1 or $18.00 if March 1-31) per reservation payable to Faculty Woman’s Club. Mail to Sheryl Hudgins 3415 Cape Charles Rd., W., Lincoln, NE 68516

Enclosed is a check for $ ______ for _____ reservations.
(Please print as this will be used to produce a nametag and we don’t want to misspell anyone’s name. Thank you.)

Name ____________________________________________
Street Address _____________________________________
City, State & Zip ____________________________________
Phone ____________________

Additional names if paying for more than one reservation
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January 25, 2006
FWC Board of Directors Meeting
Luncheon for Interest Group Chairs
Schorr Presidential Suite
Meeting, 10 AM and Luncheon, 12 NOON

February 8, 2006
Lunch and Tour of the Governor’s Mansion
1425 H Street (Parking on street)
11:30 AM
Reservations deadline February 3, 2006

February 22, 2006
FWC Board of Directors Meeting

March 1, 2006
ASUN Elections Fundraiser

March 8, 2006
Experience Lunch at Art Chicks
127 Main Street, Louisville, Nebraska
11:30 AM
Reservations deadline February 17, 2006

April 12, 2006
FWC Spring Luncheon
Celebrating Heritages from Around the World
Regency Room of the City Campus Union
11:30 AM to 2:30 PM
Reservations deadline March 31, 2006

April 26, 2006
FWC Board of Directors Meeting

May 24, 2006
FWC Board of Directors Meeting